

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JUNE 5, 2014

RE: CENTURYLINK'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
T-MOBILE USA INC. FKA VOICESTREAM WIRELESS
CORPORATION; CASE NO. QWE-T-01-27.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION

On May 30, 2014, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted an Application for approval of an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with T-Mobile USA Inc. fka VoiceStream Wireless Corporation. The original Agreement was approved by the Commission on February 28, 2002. *See* Order No. 28965. With this Application, the parties seek to amend the terms, conditions, and rates to reflect the Federal Communications Commission's ICC Bill and Keep requirements in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes that it comports with the FCC's Bill and Keep requirements. Further, Staff believes the Application is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


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